

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 770 – SB 806

April 3, 2017

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Health (DOH) to report by February 1, 2018, to the Senate Health and Welfare Committee and the Health Committee of the House of Representatives, on issues relating to substance abuse and related behaviors and threats from diseases that present a significant increasing threat to the public health.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (004561, 006689): Amendment 004561 deletes all language after the enacting clause. Authorizes any nongovernmental organization, if approved by the Department of Health (DOH), to establish and operate a needle and hypodermic syringe exchange program. Requires the nongovernmental organizations, prior to commencing operations of the program, to report certain information to the DOH.

Amendment 006689 adds language to the bill as amended by amendment 004561 that requires the DOH to annually compile a report containing the information submitted to the DOH pursuant to subsection (e) and submit the report to the members of the General Assembly; and requires that any rules promulgated to implement the provisions of this Act are to be provided to the Chairs of the Health Committee of the House of Representatives and the Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate by the Secretary of State, after approval by the Attorney General and Reporter, at the same time the text of the rule is made available to the Government Operations Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives for purposes of conducting the review required by Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-226 in order for the Health Committee of the House of Representatives and the Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate to be afforded the opportunity to comment on the rule.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

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Assumption for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by the DOH, the DOH can accommodate the provisions of the proposed legislation within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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